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SUMMARY: ON EVE OF SHORE LEAVE, OFFICIAL PRONOUCEMENTS
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EXERCISE. DESPITE RALLY BAN; DEMONSTRATION IS SCHEDULED FOR EVENING FEB. 7. END SUMMARY

1. PRESS COVERAGE: WITH ONE EXCEPTION, CONTINUING COVERAGE HAS BEEN SUBDUED, BRIEF AND FACTUAL. PRO-COMMUNIST AFTERNOON DIARIO DE LISBOA FEB. 6 CARRIED DIGESTED VERSION OF ACCOUNT APPEARING PREVIOUSLY (DIARIO DE NOTICIAS) OF PORTUGUESE REPORTER'S VISIT TO SARATOGA. ACCOUNT INCLUDED COMMENT THAT AIRCRAFT LAUNCH OPERATIONS ON SARATOGA "LEFT VERY CLEAR THE (SPONSORS') DESIRE TO EMPHASIZE THE HIGH OPERATIONAL CAPACITY OF AMERICAN IMPERIALISM. A SPECTACLE DESIGNED TO DAZZLE JOURNALISTS FROM AN UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRY."

2. SCHEDULED DEMONSTRATIONS. PROMOTERS OF FEB. 7 DEMONSTRATION (REFTEL) SAY THEIR RALLY IS ON, BAN ORDER NOTWITHSTANDING. ALLEGEDLY A DEMONSTRATION BY AND ON BEHALF OF UNEMPLOYED WORKERS, RALLY IS CALLED FOR 7 P.M. LOCAL TIME IN DOWNTOWN LISBON. WORKER GROUPS CALLING DEMONSTRATION INCLUDING SEVERAL WITH PREVIOUS HISTORY OF LABOR UNREST ARE LED AND EXPLOITED BY VARIOUS FAR LEFT ORGANIZATIONS. ALTHOUGH PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF RALLIES IS SUPPOSEDLY ECONOMIC PROTEST, PRESS CONFERENCE STATEMENT BY DEMONSTRATION ORGANIZERS ATTACKED NATO.

3. REACTION FROM COALITION PARTIES: IN FEB. 6 TV APPEARANCE REPS OF ALL THREE AGREED WITH BAN ON DEMONSTRATIONS, ALTHOUGH WITH DIFFERING OVERTONES. COMMUNISTS (PCP) REPEATED EARLIER STATEMENTS ON INADVISABILITY OF NATO SAILORS DISEMBARKING IN LISBON AND EQUAL INADVISABILITY OF PROVOKING INCIDENTS WITH THEM; SOCIALIST LEADER MARIO SOARES NOTED THAT MOMENT WAS NOT BEST FOR VISIT, BUT IT WAS A MATTER LONG SINCE PLANNED WHICH HAD TO BE FULFILLED. SOARES CALLED DEMONSTRATION BAN "PRUDENT" AND SAID HIS PARTY WOULD COMPLY DESPITE PREVIOUS INTENTION TO HOLD ON FEB. 7 RALLY WHICH HAD BEEN CANCELED ON JAN. 31.
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